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Sirs,

I am opposed to the proposed settlement the DOJ has made with Microsoft. It does nothing to punish or prevent any of the predatory business practices Microsoft has been found guilty of.

I also feel it is deplorable that the judicial (and apparently the executive) branch of our government is for sale and has been bought. Also that it is for sale only to a select few now that the republicans are back in power. Yes, the republicans who supposedly pride themselves on being the law and order group in washington. I guess the old addage is true that the law only applies to those who can't afford it. The end result of your current actions in this case ceartainly show that anyone with enough money or clout or connections may choose to ignore any law they see fit (whether or not the law is just is a different matter, it still is a law) and that once a verdict is haded down, if the defendant disagrees with it, he may negotiate a different verdict. This is very disturbing. I would hate to think that this lawsuit will now be cited as precedent in criminal cases allowing murderers and rapists to be able to negotiate lesser sentences.

The settlement negotiated with Microsoft will do nothing to curtail their unfair business practices. Particularly the Microsoft "TAX" everyone pays for buying a new PC. The tax I am referring to is the licensing that is added to allmost all new PCs sold, even if there are absolutely no Microsoft products installed on them. This I find particularly disturbing. Since the PC manufacturers have absolutely no recourse or protection from Microsoft's ability to pull their windows license without any infractions to their business arrangement with Microsoft. I could go on (point by point) but I feel I have expressed my opinion.

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